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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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10 IN RE: UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
11 PASSENGER SEXUAL ASSAULT
12 LITIGATION

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14 This Document Relates to:

15 *Jaylynn Dean v. Uber Techs., Inc.*,
16 N.D. Cal. No. 23-cv-06708
D. Ariz. No. 25-cv-4276

Case No. 23-md-03084-CRB

Honorable Charles R. Breyer

**PLAINTIFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION
TO FILE UNDER SEAL PORTIONS OF
PLAINTIFF'S OMNIBUS MOTIONS IN
LIMINE AND EXHIBITS**

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1 Pursuant to Civil Local Rules 7-11 and 79-5, and the Protective Order, ECF 176, Plaintiff
 2 respectfully submits this Administrative Motion to File Under Seal Portions of Plaintiff's Omnibus Motions
 3 in Limine.

4 Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court seal portions of Plaintiff's Omnibus Motions in Limine
 5 ("Plaintiff's Motions") and certain exhibits filed in support of same.

6 **I. BACKGROUND AND REQUESTED SEALING**

7 The following portions of Plaintiff's Motions and attached exhibits are at issue:

| Exhibit | Description of Material to Be Sealed |
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| Portions of Plaintiff's Omnibus Motions in Limine | <p>Excerpts containing the mental health history of Jaylynn Dean at p. 3.</p> <p>Excerpts regarding the intimate aspects of Jaylynn Dean's personal life p. 4</p> <p>Excerpts regarding past substance abuse by a third party at p. 5-6.</p> |
| Exhibit 1 to Plaintiff's Omnibus Motions in Limine | <p>Excerpts containing the names of third parties at 28:3, 28:5, 28:11, 28:14, 28:17, 91:7-8, 94:18, 94:21, 118:12, 118:18, 118:21, 132:5, 132:9, 132:16, 132:17-20, 133:2-3, 133:21, 134:10, 137:23, 140:23, 141:5, 168:21, 168:23, and 189:8.</p> <p>Excerpts containing the intimate aspects of Jaylynn Dean's personal life at 28:19-29:25, 34:1-25, 118:3-19, 137:22-138:6, 138:19-24, and 140:7-141:13.</p> <p>Excerpts containing the past medical and mental health history of Jaylynn Dean at 91:18-19, 92:14-94:1, 94:8-10, 132:4-134:20, 138:8-139:18, 139:25-140:4, and 166:1-168:22.</p> <p>Excerpts regarding past substance use by a third party at 51:17-53:25 and 141:14-25.</p> |
| Exhibit 2 to Plaintiff's Omnibus Motions in Limine | Excerpts regarding past medical and mental health history of a third party at 152:1-21. |

1 **II. LEGAL STANDARD**

2 A party seeking to seal a judicial record must overcome the presumption of access to court records
 3 by meeting the “compelling reasons” standard. *Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092,
 4 1096 (9th Cir. 2016). Compelling reasons “must be shown to seal judicial records attached to a dispositive
 5 motion.” *Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006). The Court
 6 balances the competing interests of the public and of the party who seeks to seal certain records. *Id.* at
 7 1097. What constitutes a “compelling reason” is ‘best left to the sound discretion of the trial court.’” *Id.*
 8 (quoting *Nixon v. Warner Commc’ns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 599 (1978)).

9 The Ninth Circuit has applied the compelling reasons standard to motions in limine. *Ctr. for Auto*
 10 *Safety*, 809 F.3d at 1099 (stating that “plenty of technically nondispositive motions—including routine
 11 motions in limine—are strongly correlative to the merits of a case” and should be therefore be subject to
 12 the compelling reasons standard.).

13 **III. PORTIONS OF THE OMNIBUS MOTION AND EXHIBITS AT ISSUE SHOULD BE**
 14 **SEALED**

15 The information that Plaintiff seeks to seal includes the names of third parties, information
 16 regarding the intimate aspects of Plaintiff’s personal life, the medical and mental health history of
 17 Plaintiff and a third party, and the past substance use of a third party. *See* Luhana Decl. ¶¶ 4, 5.

18 **A. Failing to Seal the Records Would Harm Plaintiff and Third Parties**

19 First, the identified portions of Exhibit 1 to Plaintiff’s Motions that contain the names of third
 20 parties are sealable under the compelling reasons standard because they are personally identifiable
 21 information (“PII”). *Stiner v. Brookdale Senior Living, Inc.*, 2022 WL 1180216, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 30,
 22 2022) (“Courts in this District routinely find compelling reasons to seal personally-identifying information
 23 that has minimal relevance to the underlying causes of action” (collecting cases)). They are also “not
 24 relevant to any of the issues in this litigation, nor would the public have any real interest in its disclosure.”
 25 *O’Connor v. Uber Techs., Inc.*, 2015 WL 355496, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 27, 2015); *Jones v. PGA Tour,*
 26 *Inc.*, 2023 WL 7434197, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 5, 2023) (“Courts in this circuit routinely seal...personal

1 identifying information under the compelling reasons standard due to the potential privacy harm to the
 2 individual whose contact information may be exposed.”).

3 Second, the portions of Plaintiff’s Motions and Exhibit 1 that contain the intimate aspects of
 4 Plaintiff’s personal life should be sealed. *Sparks v. Mamer*, 2020 WL 2513675, at *2 (D. Nev. May 15,
 5 2020) (finding that the “desire to protect the intimate aspects of [] sexual history outweigh the public interest
 6 in access to judicial documents.”); *United States Sec. & Exch. Comm’n v. Levoff*, 2024 WL 4913899, at *2
 7 (D.N.J. Oct. 7, 2024) (concluding that public disclosure of “personal history” and “romantic relationships”
 8 would cause “immediate and irreparable harm, including the loss of [] well-established privacy rights.”).

9 Third, the portions Plaintiff’s Motions and Exhibit 1 and 2 that contain information regarding
 10 Plaintiff’s and a third party’s medical and mental health history should be sealed. *See Hunt v. Cont'l Cas.
 11 Co.*, 2015 WL 5355398, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Sep. 14, 2015) (“[p]laintiff’s interest in preserving the privacy of
 12 her sensitive mental health records constitutes a compelling reason to seal.”); *Meyers v. Kaiser Found.
 13 Health Plan Inc.*, 2019 WL 120657, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 6, 2019) (finding that compelling reasons exist to
 14 seal personal and medical information “because of the strong interest in ‘preserv[ing] privacy in a matter of
 15 sensitive and highly personal nature.’”). Courts routinely find that “individual privacy rights in... health
 16 records outweigh the presumption in favor of public access to court records.” *Hernandez v. Cnty. of
 17 Monterey*, 2023 WL 4688522, at *4 (N.D. Cal. July 21, 2023) (collecting cases).

18 Lastly, portions of Plaintiff’s Motions and Exhibit 1 pertaining to a third party’s history of drug use
 19 should be sealed. *See Voice of San Diego v. Naval Crim. Investigative Serv.*, 753 F. Supp. 3d 1069, 1122
 20 (S.D. Cal. 2024) (recognizing that “records revealing third parties’... participation in... using illegal or
 21 controlled substances implicated substantial privacy concerns” and disclosure could “foreseeably expose
 22 these third parties to harassment, embarrassment, or stigma and, potentially, could impact their
 23 employment.”) (collecting cases).

24 The intimate aspects of Plaintiff’s personal life, the medical and mental health history of Plaintiff
 25 and a third party, and the information regarding a third party’s history of drug use are inherently private and
 26 highly sensitive, and typify the types of information that may be used by a third party to gratify private
 27 spite, promote scandal, or circulate libel. *See Luhana Decl. ¶ 7; A.B. v. Pac. Fertility Ctr.*, 441 F. Supp. 3d

1 902, 906 (N.D. Cal. 2020) (“Such compelling reasons include the use of records to gratify private spite,
 2 promote public scandal, circulate libelous statements...”) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

3 The significant privacy concerns of Plaintiff and third parties outweigh the public’s minimal
 4 interest in knowing their identities or highly sensitive information, and warrant the sealing of this
 5 information. *See* Luhana Decl. ¶ 6.

6 **B. Less Restrictive Alternative to Sealing Is Insufficient to Prevent Harm**

7 There is no less restrictive alternative to sealing portions of Plaintiff’s Motions and the relevant
 8 exhibits, since describing the material Plaintiff seeks to seal is tantamount to revealing the details of its
 9 content. *See* Luhana Decl. ¶ 8. Plaintiff’s request is narrowly tailored to seal only PII and highly sensitive
 10 personal information, while ensuring that the public retains access to the rest of the exhibits. *See id.*

11 **IV. CONCLUSION**

12 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court order that the portions of
 13 Plaintiff’s Motions and the exhibits listed above be maintained under seal.

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